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COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

TASK TEAM VIII - PHOTO CHIP

Minutes of Eleventh Session at NPIC,
November 30 through December 3, 1965

Members or Their Representatives Present:

25X1	DIA	-	[redacted]	Chairman
25X1	CIA	-	[redacted]	
	ARMY	-	[redacted]	
	AIR FORCE	-	[redacted]	
25X1	CSS	-	[redacted]	Secretary

Others Present:

None

1. The Chairman welcomed all hands, noted with pleasure the presence of [redacted] from SAC, who had missed a few meetings, expressed his appreciation for the tremendous amount of work done by the Washington contingent of the Task Team since the last meeting, noted with regret that [redacted] would be unable to attend because of the press of academic duties, and pointed out that a great deal of work confronted the Team, if the report were to be completely reviewed at this session. He added that the first two hours would be spent on the background reading material in each Work Folder, and that following this, both he and the Secretary would highlight certain points covered in the reading material.

2. Following the background reading and the briefings, the Chairman then drew attention to:

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a. the results of the informal meeting at NPIC following the five-day session [redacted]

b. the agreement to continue the report drafting by the Washington contingent along the lines of the broader outline produced at that meeting;

c. the evolution of the report to its previous form, i.e., a summary, body, and a series of documentary and technical annexes paralleling and detailing the body; and,

d. the re-drafting of the report in its present form, i.e., a one-page brief, the body comprising seven sections, and the summary, conclusions and recommendations.

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He commended [redacted]

[redacted] and the Secretary for their efforts in developing and drafting the report. In connection with relevant background events, the Chairman and the Secretary called attention to the study by the Communications Panel of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, the President's Memo to the DCI, the S&R Memo to the DoD and to the DCI, the directive establishing the 4" x 6" microiche as the Government standard in the S&T field, and follow-on actions from these events as they related to the Chip problem. The Chairman and Secretary emphasized in closing that the work of the Team at this session should proceed with all due speed.

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3. The Chairman then assigned the following tasks for completion as soon as possible in the session:

a. careful review of the body of the draft report for language, structure, content, thrust and target effectiveness;

b. drafting and coordination within the Team of the recommendation dealing with internal chip design, i.e., image area size and location, control data, machine or human readability, etc.;

c. review of proposed annexes as to structure and general content in relation to the report body;

d. drafting interim follow-on actions, as appropriate, for the various problem areas cited in the report pending review and approval of the Team's report, and implementation of the recommended actions; and,

e. a glossary for clearly defining selected terms used in the report.

The balance of the session was spent on these basic assignments and on critical related problems.

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4. The Team reached the following decisions:

a. agreed in general with the language, structure and content of Sections I, II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII of the draft body of the report, with the understanding that all changes suggested by the Team members would be considered for inclusion in the finished draft and that this draft would be circulated for review prior to issuance;

b. agreed that the final report to CODIB should bear the signature of officers who participated regularly in the survey, analysis and drafting;

c. agreed that the report should be provided to Lt. [redacted] for comment and signature;

d. agreed that Section VIII of the report should be altered to clarify the distinction between data base and exploitation chips, to strengthen the recommendations dealing with the chip environment, and to sharpen and to specify the follow-on actions recommended;

e. agreed in general with the structure and content of the proposed annexes, with the understanding that the annex structure as well as the individual annexes would be distributed to each Team member for review prior to publication.

The Chairman noted, and the Team agreed, that considerable latitude would need to be exercised by the Washington contingent in putting the report into the finished form.

5. In the course of the session, the Team produced:

a. a draft of the recommendation dealing with internal chip design;

b. a draft list of terms, with definitions, to be footnoted in the report and to be included in a glossary at the end of the report;

c. a draft set of interim follow-on actions for rapidly-moving problem situations, arranged in a matrix indicating the problem, action needed, priority, and organization responsible for the action; and

d. a draft special supplement to the CIA/DIA image interpretation survey questionnaire in order to accumulate data regarding photo chip characteristics, uses, equipments, plans, needs, etc.

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6. During the session, the Chairman obtained the agreement of the DIA to circulate the photo chip draft questionnaire as a part of the departmental image interpretation activities survey. The Secretary agreed to attempt to do the same with the contingent responsible for that part of the survey at the national level.

7. In closing, the Chairman commended the Team for its vigor, dedication and accomplishments, especially in working early and late Wednesday and Thursday, and in extending the Session through Friday in order to complete the review of Section VIII. He added that every effort would be made to enable [redacted] to review and sign the report because they had played such an important role in the total Team effort. He promised that the Team members would be given the opportunity to review and comment on all substantive changes made in the draft, especially those to be made by the Washington contingent under the general guidance and direction given by the Team during this session. He expressed his abiding conviction that the Team's report would be a major contribution to the steady improvement in the performance of the aerial reconnaissance community at all levels.

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